

## Georgia Department of Human Resources

### RIGHT FROM THE START MEDICAID for Pregnant Women and Children

**Right from the Start Medicaid (RSM)** for *pregnant women* pays for medical care for pregnant women, including labor and delivery, for up to 60 days after they give birth. Pregnant women who qualify are entitled to the full-range of Medicaid covered services. Some services include physician's visits, prescription drugs, and inpatient and outpatient hospital services.

The program uses 200 percent of the federal poverty level as the ceiling for eligibility for pregnant women.

**Right from the Start Medicaid (RSM)** for *children* pays for medical care for children age 0 up to 19. These children may qualify at various income levels depending on age, family size, and income. Children who qualify are entitled to the full-range of Medicaid covered services. Some services include doctor's visits, health checkups, immunizations, and dental and vision care.

#### Program Features

- The Medicaid application process is simple and easy. In addition to the local county Department of Family and Children Services offices, applications are accepted at various other locations at hours prior to 8 a.m. and after 5 p.m.
- Car or home ownership does not affect eligibility.
- Married as well as single pregnant women may qualify for RSM.

#### Results

- Medicaid applications are processed quickly so more eligible women may enter prenatal care earlier in their pregnancy.
- Eligible children are able to receive checkups and preventive care. Those needing medical treatment are more likely to receive it earlier, before their conditions become severe.
- The program helps to decrease infant mortality and preventable illnesses.
- The program allows children and pregnant women with low or moderate income to have access to health care coverage.

#### Who qualifies?

*Pregnant women* may qualify if their monthly income does not exceed 200 percent of the federal poverty level limit. A pregnant woman is counted as two people in the calculation of family size. Her husband is also counted, although husbands do not receive RSM coverage. In addition, a woman meeting the income standards may become eligible within

60 days after giving birth, even if she did not apply during pregnancy or delivery. Infants, born to women receiving Medicaid on the day the child is born, receive Medicaid until they reach their first birthday.

### **200 Percent Federal Poverty Level Income Limits:**

<b>Family size</b>	<b>Monthly income</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>\$2,082</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>\$2,612</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>\$3,142</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>\$3,672</b>

*Children* up to age 19 may qualify at various income levels depending upon age and family size. Children up to age 1 may qualify if their family income is 185 percent of poverty or below; age 1 to 5 if their family income is 133 percent of poverty or below; and age 6 to 19 if their family income is 100 percent of poverty or below.

### **Federal Poverty Level Income Limits:**

	<b>100%</b>	<b>133%</b>	<b>185%</b>
	<b>Age 6-19</b>	<b>Age 1-5</b>	<b>Age 0-1</b>
<b>Family size</b>	<b>Monthly income</b>	<b>Monthly income</b>	<b>Monthly income</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>\$1,041</b>	<b>\$1,385</b>	<b>\$1,926</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>\$1,306</b>	<b>\$1,737</b>	<b>\$2,416</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>\$1,571</b>	<b>\$2,090</b>	<b>\$2,907</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>\$1,836</b>	<b>\$2,442</b>	<b>\$3,397</b>

### **How to get Right From the Start Medicaid?**

To apply, contact your local county Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS) office or the Right from the Start Medicaid Project at (770) 603-4788 or toll-free at 1-800-809-7276. You may also contact the Powerline at 1-800-822-2539.